

Archaeological Monitoring of Land at Parrock Place, Colemans Hatch, Hartfield TN7 4HS

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Plate 1. Aerial view of site (red circle) showing the site prior to development.

(Google Earth 06/06/2013: Eye altitude 394m).

1.0 Summary

1.1. From the 9th to 31st October 2018 Swale and Thames Archaeological Survey Company (SWAT Archaeology) carried out an Archaeological Watching Brief on ground works involved in the build of a new extension to Parrock Place, Colemans Hatch, East Sussex (Fig. 1 & Plates 1-6).

1.2. The works were carried out on behalf of Mr and Mrs Nardini.

1.3. An Archaeological Watch was kept during the machine digging of an extension excavation and additional road area (Plates 2-6).

The archaeological work was undertaken in three phases.

Phase 1. Excavation of ground adjacent to the main house (Plate 2-3)

Phase 2: Foundation trenches dug (Plates 3)

Phase 3: Removal of topsoil/subsoil to enable build of additional road area (Plates 5-6)

1.4. The Archaeological Watching Brief was to watch for any signs of archaeological activity. In particular, any evidence of archaeological activity associated with the known archaeological sites in the area.

1.5. The Planning Application Number for the development is WD/2017/2897/F.

1.6. Although the archaeological potential has been highlighted by the SWAT Archaeology WSI Specification the Archaeological Watching Brief revealed no buried archaeological features or pits, and no archaeological finds were retrieved.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 Planning Background

Planning application was submitted was submitted to Wealden District Council the Local Planning Authority (LPA). East Sussex County Council Heritage and Conservation on behalf of the LPA requested that an Archaeological Watching Brief be undertaken in order to record any archaeological remains uncovered during the development work. The following condition (2) was attached to the planning consent:

No development shall take place until the implementation of a programme of archaeological works has been secured in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, including a timetable for the investigation, which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The works shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved details. A written record of any archaeological works undertaken shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority within three months of the

completion of any archaeological investigation unless an alternative timescale for submission of the report is first agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. AR01

REASON: To enable the recording of any items of historical or archaeological interest, in accordance with the requirements of SPO2, SPO13 and WCS14 to the Wealden Core Strategy Local Plan 2013 and paragraphs 129, 131 and 132 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012

3.0 Schedule of Visits

An archaeologist suitably experienced attended the site (Dr Paul Wilkinson SWAT Archaeology) and monitored the excavation works on the 9th to 31st October 2018.

4.0 Aims and Objectives

4.1. Greg Chuter, County Archaeologist ESCC advised that:

“the proposed development is situated within an Archaeological Notification Area defining an area of medieval settlement, industrial activity relating to iron ore processing and quarrying. The HER records a medieval farm complex immediately to the north, and iron smelting sites to the east and west.

There is thus a potential for archaeological deposits to exist on this site. In light of this potential we will require all groundworks associated with this development to be monitored by an archaeological contractor.

You will therefore need the contractors to quote for:

- A written scheme of investigation for an archaeological watching brief, to include a basic summary of the up-to-date Historic Environment Record for this area*
- Fieldwork comprising of monitoring of all groundworks associated with the development in order to ensure that any deposits and features, artefacts and ecofacts of archaeological interest, are recorded and interpreted to appropriate standards. Post excavation analysis, published report of findings and archiving.*

4.2. The ground works were to excavate an area 1600mm deep to enable the construction of the foundation trenches. Any new services would connect to existing pipe runs (Plates 2-4).

4.3. A full programme of proposed works by the contractor were made available to SWAT Archaeology before the on-site monitoring took place.

4.4. Confidence Rating

No factors hindered the recognition of archaeological and deposits during the monitoring and recording exercise.

5.0 Archaeological and Geological Background

5.1. The underlying geology at the site according to the British Geological Survey map is Ashdown Formation Sandstone-Siltstone. The geology revealed on site was topsoil/sand.

5.2. The application site consisted of a small area situated adjacent and to the north east of the present house. The site itself is generally level at a height of about 394m OD.

5.3. The site lies within an area of known archaeological potential associated with important medieval activity and with the potential of remains from medieval industrial activity.

6.0 Methodology

6.1. The Watching Brief was conducted in accordance with the Archaeological Specification compiled by SWAT Archaeology and it also complied with the Chartered Institute of Field Archaeologists' Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs (ClfA: 2017).

6.2. The works comprised the observation of all ground works, including the inspection of subsoil and natural deposits for archaeological features and finds.

6.3. The Watching Brief was carried out in three phases according to the needs of the building contractors from 9th to 31st October 2018.

6.4. Excavation of the area was carried out by contractors using a 360 degree machine equipped with a toothed bucket necessary to remove the overburden and reduce the area for the construction of foundation trenches (Phases 1 &2) and reduction for additional gravel roadway Phase 3 (Plates 5-6).

6.5. All excavation was carried out under the constant supervision of an experienced archaeologist (Dr Paul Wilkinson MCIfA).

6.6. Where possible the areas of excavation were subsequently hand-cleaned with the intention of revealing any observed features in plan and section.

6.7. If found archaeological features under threat were to be excavated to enable sufficient information about form, development date and stratigraphic relationships to be recorded without prejudice to more extensive investigations, should these prove to be necessary.

6.8. The archaeological watching brief was carried out in accordance with current ClfA Standards and Guidance, (ClfA: 2017), and methodology discussed with the County Archaeological Officer ESCC.

7.0 Results

7.1 General

No archaeological features or finds were revealed or recovered. The subsoil encountered across the site was sand.

8.0 Finds

No finds were retrieved.

9.0 Discussion

The development site is in an area of archaeological potential. However, no archaeology was revealed on the development site.

10.0 Conclusion

The Archaeological Monitoring has fulfilled the primary aims and objectives of the SWAT Archaeological Specification. As far as it is known no buried archaeological features have been affected as a result of the development.

11.0 Acknowledgments

SWAT Archaeology would like to thank Mr and Mrs Nardini for commissioning the project. Fieldwork was undertaken and report written by Paul Wilkinson.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Wilkinson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dr Paul Wilkinson, BA (Hons), PhD., FRSA., MCIfA.

References

HER data (ESCC 2018)

CIfA (2017) Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs

SWAT Archaeological Watching Brief (2018)

Appendix 1

ESCC HER Summary Form

Site Name: Development of land at Parrock Place, Colemans Hatch, Hartfield, East Sussex

SWAT Site Code: PAR/WB/18

Site Address: As above

Summary:

Swale and Thames Survey Company (SWAT) carried out Archaeological Monitoring on the development site above. The site has planning permission for a new extension whereby ESCC Archaeologist requested that Archaeological Monitoring be undertaken to determine the possible impact of the development on any archaeological remains.

The Archaeological Monitoring consisted of site visits which encountered no buried archaeological features or artefacts.

District/Unitary: Wealden District Council

Period(s):

NGR (centre of site to eight figures) 545090 134519

Type of Archaeological work: Archaeological Monitoring

Date of recording: October 2018

Unit undertaking recording: Swale and Thames Survey Company (SWAT. Archaeology)

Geology: Underlying geology is Ashdown Formation Sandstone-Siltstone

Title and author of accompanying report: Wilkinson P. (2018) Archaeological Monitoring at Land at Parrock Place, Colemans Hatch, East Sussex

Summary of fieldwork results (begin with earliest period first, add NGRs where appropriate)

See above

Location of archive/finds: SWAT. Archaeology. Graveney Rd, Faversham, Kent. ME13 8UP

Contact at Unit: Paul Wilkinson

Date: 12/11/2018



Plate 2. General view of site reduction (looking south)



Plate 3. General view of site trenching (looking south)



Plate 4. The site showing removing of overburden, trenches completed



Plate 5. The site showing site reduction of extra road/car parking (looking east)



Plate 5. Final levels of extra road/car parking